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1. [ ] Returned to David Martin on Senator Thomas Dodd's staff a copy of the proposed speech which Martin had prepared in response to the second Starnes article. (Martin had mislaid his copy.) We talked briefly again about THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT with no conclusions reached although it is possible that Martin may wish to use [ ] draft for a speech after the publication of the Ross/Wise book.

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3. [ ] Met with Mr. William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee Staff, and provided him with a blind memorandum classified SECRET concerning funds expended [ ] [ ] After reviewing the paper briefly, Mr. Darden commented that he felt that this was quite adequate for Senator Russell's needs and expressed his appreciation for it.

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4. [ ] Met briefly with Miss Meo in the office of Congressman Ogden R. Reid (R., N. Y.), and advised her that I would be in touch during the day tomorrow concerning possible meeting with the Congressman and a personal briefing for him concerning the Agency's anticipated appearance before the Information Subcommittee of which Mr. Reid is a member.

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5. [ ] I stopped by and thanked Mr. Stanley G. Langland, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Clark MacGregor (R., Minn.), for the Congressman's efforts to try to fill the gap for us before the Mid Career Course tomorrow. Mr. Langland indicated it was just not possible for Mr. MacGregor to make it at this late date.

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6. [ ] Received from Mr. Samuel Archibald, Staff Director, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, a letter to the Director requesting Agency appearance to testify before the Committee on the polygraph hearings on June 2, 3 and 4. Mr. Archibald advised that in conversation with Mr. Moss later this morning, Mr. Moss indicated that he feels it best that a reporter be present; that the Agency might retain the final transcript; and that the reporter could be requested to leave the room whenever desirable. I advised Mr. Archibald that I did not feel that the Agency could accede to these requirements and also provide the full candid briefing that had been offered in the meeting with Mr. Moss. It was tentatively concluded that in Mr. Archibald's absence from the city tomorrow, Agency representatives might desire to meet directly with Mr. Moss tomorrow on this matter. Mr. Archibald indicated under the circumstances he would recommend it.

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7. [ ] Met with Mr. Walter Besterman who advised informally that as suggested by John Warner he would be pleased to meet with Mr. Helms at any time at Mr. Helms' convenience. Since he will not be leaving the staff until the end of August, there should be plenty of time.

With regard to the [ ] case, Mr. Besterman advised that he sees little possibility of any further action this year and in all probability it will be necessary to introduce something in the nature of a

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joint resolution to cover all individuals in this class [redacted]  
to this extent. Part of his reason for seeing no hope during this year  
is the fact that he believes committee objection will be taken to passage  
of such a bill [redacted]

Mr. Besterman further requested advice concerning the case of  
[redacted] I told him we would check the matter and be back  
in touch.

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cc: Ex/Dir/Compt  
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Mr. Chretien

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